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Jobs in jeopardy over background check backlog

Eight-week wait. Job and school acceptance at risk as RCMP weigh even longer process

A "catastrophic" backlog in Toronto police background checks for students, health professionals and other workers could grow worse if the RCMP makes fingerprinting a mandatory part of the process.

The Toronto Police Services Board is grappling with how to manage the 200 new requests for checks received each day, contributing to a backlog that peaked at almost 17,000 requests last year. Wait times for a check can stretch for months.

At stake are timely job acceptance and school placements for thousands of applicants every year.

In the case that the gender and birthdate match with someone on a database, such as the registry for pardoned sex offenders, the RCMP requires fingerprints to confirm the applicant's identity. That requirement is the result of a 2010 policy change aimed at capturing pardoned sex offenders who make an unreported name change.

But the RCMP may soon require everyone who needs a Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) check to submit fingerprints — which could have a "severe impact" on the system, according to a report from Chief Bill Blair.

And the system could continue to be flooded after future legislation changes that will require all Ontario health professionals — and possibly driving instructors — to get VSS checks.

Former mayor John Sewell, who heads the Toronto Police Accountability Coalition, said the system for checks is "beyond crisis." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

By comparison

York Regional Police say they can complete a VSS check in two weeks, while Peel Regional Police promise to do it on the spot.

- For Toronto police, the current wait time stands at eight weeks.

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WINGS UPEND LEAFS

The Leafs' Tyler Bozak dives to block the shot by Detroit Red Wings' Drew Miller at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit on Tuesday. It was a tough loss for the Leafs, who had a goal by Nazem Kadri disallowed. **Story, page 22.** LEON HALIP/GETTY IMAGES

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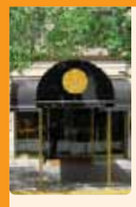

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Road rationing

Can the occasional car ban help clear GTA congestion?

What if you wake up one morning and you're not allowed to drive that day? Or for a certain period of time when the roads are busiest? You're required, by law, to find another way to work — be it public transit, riding a bike or even walking — and will face a fine if you don't comply.

Across the pond in Paris, concerns about smog have ushered in a licence-plate restriction system known under the heading "road-space rationing." On Mondays, only vehicles with odd-numbered licence plates can traverse the city. On Tuesdays, drivers with even-numbered plates are back behind the wheel.

Beyond curtailing pollution, road rationing is touted as a means to reduce congestion, and various cities around the world have implemented versions.

No such policy exists in Canada, but should Toronto or the GTA consider it?

"It's a very good idea," said Khandker Habib, a civil-engineering professor at the University of Toronto.

But he added: "This type of policy should not be considered in isolation. It should be coupled with others," specifically road pricing. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A smog day last August in Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Theme park idea makes a splash

A screen grab from promotional video for a proposed year-round theme park for the GTA. When it was announced Tuesday that entertainment company MarbleLive wants to build a $60-million, 100,000-square-foot water park with sandy beaches and wave pools, the company pointed out the GTA hasn't had a new major attraction besides Ripley's downtown aquarium in 25 years. MarbleLive managing partner John Barrack said the company is actively looking at three possible locations in Toronto and Mississauga but declined to specify where.

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New food-truck rules closer to approval

Licensing. If approved by full council, new policies will be in effect this spring

Food trucks offering "hipster" gourmet fare are a step closer to operating in Toronto after the municipal licensing committee approved a city staff report Tuesday, with some modifications.

"I think this is one area, by every measure, where we can see the benefit that this brings to the city," said Coun. Josh Colle. "It's a no-brainer to proceed."

The city's last experiment with street food was an expensive flop. Launched in 2009, the A La Cart program lasted only a year. Critics blamed excessive red tape and $30,000 mandatory equipment.

Today, food trucks in Toronto can operate for a maximum of only 10 minutes in a parking lot.

With street-food vendors flourishing elsewhere, city staff are recommending food-truck vendors be allowed to operate on Toronto streets in "pay and display" parking areas. They included new regulations to address the concerns of restaurateurs worried about competition.

On Tuesday, the licensing committee voted to increase the number of hours that a food truck could operate in a parking lot from three hours, which was recommended by staff, to five hours.

Quoted

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Coun. Josh Colle

The committee also allowed an unlimited number of trucks in a parking zone, said Carlton Grant, director of policy and strategic support with municipal licensing.

No area in the city will be off limits as long as the truck is 50 metres from an established restaurant. The rule won't apply for trucks in private lots.

"That's huge," Colle said. "We don't want to be too restrictive and over-manage."

There has been some confusion whether business improvement area (BIA) groups and local councillors could request that food trucks be banned from neighbourhoods, he said.

"BIAs never had a veto," Colle explained.

Instead, BIAs and local councillors will have an appeal process where they can object to a truck in a certain location.

That is still subject to change, he added.

The full report will go before council April 1.

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Lobbyists volunteering for Toronto mayoral campaigns

Bending the rules?

Olivia Chow's campaign close to crossing ethical boundaries, but she's not the only one

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Some campaign volunteers in the Toronto mayoral election answer phones and deliver lawn signs — others have special skills and connections.

Take Warren Kinsella, for example, a professional political strategist, columnist, lobbyist and a volunteer for Olivia Chow's campaign.

He recently took offence to the suggestion he was being paid for his work, telling a tweeter who suggested he did: "I'm not getting paid a red cent, asshole."

However, he's also president of Daisy Consulting Group, which is getting paid by the campaign.

According to Chow's communications director Jamey Heath, Kinsella gives the campaign "a hand with rapid response," and Daisy is getting paid for media monitoring.

Kinsella has indeed been active on Twitter and traditional media for Chow. For example, before either John Tory or Chow officially launched their campaigns, he was circulating the story about Tory telling women it would help close the gender gap if they'd learn to play golf. Later, he was tweeting out details about Tory's lucrative relationship with Rogers Communications.

This week, he interviewed Chow on Sun News Network.

York University professor Robert MacDermid, an expert in campaign financing, said Kinsella's assistance on Chow's campaign appears "quite legal" and not uncommon.

MacDermid said he understands why Chow would accept the help. "You have the free services of Warren Kinsella that are worth thousands and thousands of dollars on the open market. Under the silly rules of the Municipal Elections Act it counts as nothing, so why wouldn't you take that? The answer is you're perpetuating this appearance of relations of influence that are undemocratic."

While offering services to campaigns below their market value is considered a campaign contribution and falls under the cap on contributions, the Municipal Elections Act allows for volunteers.

Typically, a professional would volunteer their services as a loss leader "in hopes that when the candidate attains office they will benefit from the connection," said MacDermid.

"That's why so many people who work at the core of campaigns are people who work in the lobbyist industry," MacDermid said. They do it for free, because they hope to be able to easily get access to that decision-maker to present the case of the client they represent, he said.

Creative campaigning

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Warren Kinsella wipes his brow during testimony at the Gomery Inquiry looking into the government sponsorship program in Ottawa, in this 2005 file photo. The lobbyist is a volunteer for Olivia Chow's campaign. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

For his part, Kinsella said he's volunteering for Chow "because she is a wonderful person, a terrific candidate, and the only person who can beat Rob Ford."

Kinsella said that Daisy Consulting Group's lobbying isn't at the city hall level.

"I believe I have registered there only once, for an NGO that is concerned about health impacts of wireless technology and cellphone towers. I registered for the purpose of speaking to a councillor, but did not ever actually speak to him," he said.

Heath said Kinsella offers advice to the campaign, but doesn't run it and doesn't take direction on what he writes and tweets.

As for whether or not Kinsella's help should be considered a campaign contribution with a monetary value, rather than the work of a volunteer, Heath said, "I'm assured that what I've described to you is consistent with the legislation....

"I don't see why Warren (Kinsella) would be any different than (Tory campaign co-chair) Bob Richardson or any number of political strategists who are listed in any number of media stories about all the campaigns," he said.

Chow's campaign isn't the only one to benefit from volunteers who are also lobbyists.

Richardson, a volunteer co-chair of Tory's campaign, is president of the Devon Group. Volunteer campaign co-chair John Capobianco is Fleishman-Hillard's national lead for public affairs.

"Like any campaign we have dozens of people working here, some of them lobbyists. When they're working on the campaign they are not here in their capacity as lobbyists, they are volunteers," said Tory's campaign spokesperson Amanda Galbraith.

Karen Stintz adviser Karl Baldauf works at NATIONAL Public Relations, and while he has registered as a lobbyist at the provincial level in the past, he considers himself primarily a communications professional, said Stintz's spokesperson Lauren Souch.

David Soknacki's paid press secretary and spokesperson Supriya Dwivedi works part-time for Crestview Strategy. She said Soknacki has a policy on lobbyist contact during the campaign: the campaign team is to publicly disclose any meetings he has with lobby groups, civic employee unions or consultant lobbyists acting on behalf of a client, in the spirit of the Lobbyist Bylaw, even though it doesn't apply to candidates for office.

Mayor Rob Ford's campaign is managed by his brother Doug Ford.

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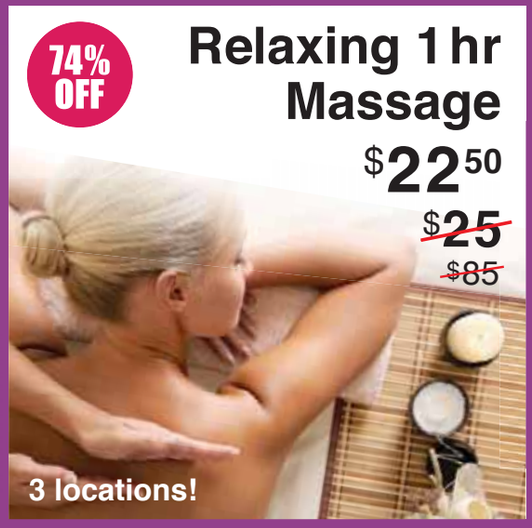

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Flaherty steps down as finance minister

'I leave feeling fulfilled.' Flaherty is among Canada's longest-serving finance ministers

Jim Flaherty is leaving the federal cabinet after more than eight years as finance minister to prepare for a return to the private sector, saying the move is unrelated to his recent health problems.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is expected to name his replacement Wednesday.

Flaherty, who delivered his final budget last month, said he made the decision with his family earlier this year.

"As I begin another chapter in my life, I leave feeling fulfilled with what we have accomplished as a government and a country during one of the most challenging economic periods in our country's history," he said in a statement.

An official in the Prime Minister's Office said Flaherty would be retaining — at least for now — his seat in the House of Commons, meaning he remains an MP for the time being.

Flaherty is among Canada's longest-serving finance ministers, appointed to the key economic post when the Conservative government first came to power in 2006.

He managed the country's economy through one of its worst economic crises in 2008-2009, running up large deficits but leaving the books virtually balanced after his Feb. 11 budget.

Speculation about Flaherty's future has risen in recent years after he acknowledged suffering from a rare skin condition, requiring him to take medication that led to weight gain and apparent fatigue in public appearances.

His long farewell message to Canadians, delivered unexpectedly on a government website, listed accomplishments such as cooling the housing market and introducing tax-free savings accounts.

Harper, who has staked his government's reputation on steady economic management, said he regretted the loss of his No. 1 money man.

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Finance Minister Jim Flaherty stands in the House of Commons during Question Period on Parliament Hill, in Ottawa on March 4. Flaherty says he is leaving the federal cabinet and returning to the private sector.
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Replacement?

Media outlets reported Tuesday night that Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver will replace Flaherty.

Canadians welcome troops back home

MCpl. Anthony Alliot and Sarah Tooth embrace after the last Canadian troops from Afghanistan returned to Ottawa on Tuesday. The last Canadian soldiers to leave Afghanistan arrived home Tuesday to tears, hugs from family and friends and a pledge from Prime Minister Stephen Harper that May 9 will be set aside to honour their contributions and sacrifices. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Poll. 1 in 4 Canadian kids admit to online bullying

About one in four Canadian kids surveyed about cyberbullying admitted they have been "mean or cruel" to someone online, while more than one in three say they've been a victim, according to a newly released study.

But experts say cyberbullying is probably not as rampant or serious as some parents would believe.

Most commonly, students said the bullying act they committed was name-calling (78 per cent), while very few students owned up to more serious bad behaviour. Just 12 per cent said they made fun of someone's race or religion, seven per cent said they teased a peer about their sexual orientation, and four per cent said they sexually harassed someone.

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Leonard Kunka, Personal Injury Alliance

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Putin welcomes

Annexation. Russian president dismisses criticism, blasting the West as hypocrites and Ukraine as run by radical nationalists

Thousands of pro-Russian people watch a live broadcast of Russian President Vladimir move to annex Crimea, Putin said Russia had to respond to what he described as a plot

With a sweep of his pen, President Vladimir Putin added Crimea to the map of Russia on Tuesday, describing the move as correcting a past injustice and responding to what he called Western encroachment upon Russia's vital interests.

While his actions were met with cheers in Crimea and Russia, Ukraine's new government called Putin a threat to the whole world and U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden warned that the U.S. and Europe will impose further sanctions against Moscow.

"The world has seen through Russia's actions and has rejected the flawed logic," Biden said as he met with European leaders in Poland.

In an emotional 40-minute speech televised live from

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Crimea back into the fold

Putin's speech on Crimea in Sevastopol, Crimea, Tuesday. Fiercely defending Russia's by the West to take Ukraine into its influence. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the Kremlin, Putin said he was merely restoring order to history by incorporating Crimea.

Quoted

"I have heard residents of Crimea say that back in 1991 they were handed over like a sack of potatoes."

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who declared that the collapse of the Soviet Union made Russians "the largest divided people in the world."

"In people's hearts and minds, Crimea has always been an integral part of Russia," he declared, dismissing Western criticism of Sunday's Crimean referendum as a manifestation of the West's double standards.

Often interrupted by applause, Putin said the rights of ethnic Russians in Ukraine had been abused by the new Ukrainian government and insisted that Crimea's vote to join Russia was in line with international law and reflected its right for self-determination.

Putin said his actions followed what he described as Western arrogance, hypocrisy and pressure, and warned that the West must drop its stubborn refusal to take Russian concerns into account.

"If you push a spring too hard at some point it will spring back," he said, addressing the West. "You always need to remember this."

While Putin boasted that the Russian takeover of Crimea was conducted without a single shot, a Ukrainian military spokesman said one Ukrainian serviceman was killed and another injured when a military facility in Crimea was stormed Tuesday by armed men just hours after Putin's speech.

Putin argued that the months of protests in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv which prompted President Viktor Yanukovych to flee to Russia had been instigated by the West to weaken Russia. He cast the new Ukrainian government as illegitimate, driven by radical "nationalists, neo-Nazis, Russophobes and anti-Semites."

In response, Ukraine's new government called Putin dangerous.

"Today's statement by Putin showed in high relief what a real threat Russia is for the civilized world and international security," Ukrainian foreign ministry spokesman Evhen Perebinis said on Twitter. "(The annexation) has nothing to do with law or with democracy or sensible thinking."

Displaying strong emotion, Putin accused the West of cheating Russia and ignoring its interests in the years that followed the 1991 Soviet collapse.

"They have constantly tried to drive us into a corner for our independent stance," Putin said. "But there are limits. And in the case of Ukraine, our Western partners have crossed a line. They have behaved rudely, irresponsibly and unprofessionally." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The view from home

Canadian sanctions won't isolate Russia, says ambassador

Russia's ambassador to Canada says sanctions from the West over Ukraine won't isolate his country, and expelling it from the G8 would only hurt stability around the world.

Energy-thirsty Asian countries such as China are waiting in the wings if Europe and North America decide they won't want Russia's resources, Georgiy Mamedov said Tuesday.

Canada joined the United States and other countries in imposing sanctions on Russia as a result of Sunday's vote in Crimea, but Mamedov shrugged off the sanctions. "I've been around and you can't isolate Russia," he said.

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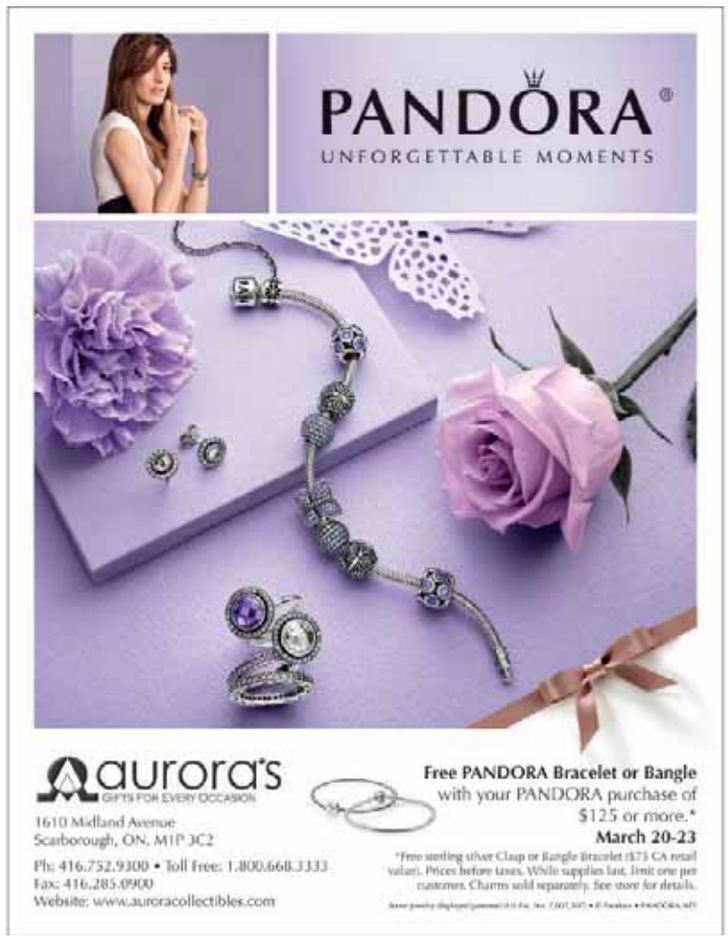
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Fan-made content is music to record executives' ears

YouTube. User uploads earning music biz more dough than official videos

Hitting the right notes

New revenue streams are good news for the music industry, which saw a global decline in revenues of 3.9% in 2013 to about $15 billion US.

The recording industry is making more money from fan-made mashups, lip-syncs and tributes on YouTube than from official music videos.

"It's a massive growth area. We're very excited about the creativity of consumers using our repertoire and creating their own versions of our videos," said Francis Keeling, the global head of digital business for Universal Music Group.

With one billion users worldwide, YouTube is the most used music service in the world, according to the annual Music Report released Tuesday by IFPI, an organization that represents 1,300 record companies around the world.

"All record companies make their repertoire available to YouTube," Keeling explained.

The video website, owned by Google, alerts record companies when a YouTube user uploads content that uses a copyrighted song.

Rather than order the video removed for copyright infringement, the record company can instead choose to run ads before and during the video, making money off the video's views.

For example, a video of American comedian Steve Kardynal wearing a bikini and lip-synching Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe for unsuspecting viewers on Chatroulette racked up more than 14 million views, which earned ad dollars for the record label behind Jepsen's hit single.

User-generated content is actually generating more money for record labels than the official music videos posted by record labels, Keeling said.

"A lot of that is due to consumers putting more and more repertoire and new versions up there, but also it's YouTube getting better at advertising," he said.

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The winter of flyers' discontent

A flight board shows JetBlue cancellations at Logan International Airport on Jan. 7 in Boston, a day after the airline cancelled nearly all operations into Logan because of bad weather. It was that kind of month for JetBlue, and it was that kind of month for all U.S. airlines, which posted one of their worst January on-time performances ever, as winter storms pounded parts of the country. One-third of all flights arrived late, the rate of cancelled flights was the second-highest ever, and reports of mishandled bags soared. STORY: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; PHOTO: DARREN MCCOLLESTER/GETTY IMAGES

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AND THE MOST FAMOUS CANADIAN IS...

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Quick! Who's the most famous Canadian in the world?

Chris Hadfield, the singing astronaut?

Christopher Plummer, the Oscar-winning actor?

Wayne Gretzky, the Great One?

Nope, it's Avril Lavigne, that's who.

That's if you believe an MIT research project called Pantheon that combed through online references to anyone between 4,000 BC and 2010 who has a Wikipedia reference in more than 25 languages.

It's bad enough that MIT has anointed a pop has-been in the waning stages of her career as the most famous Canadian ever, but our credulity is strained to the breaking point as it goes down the list.

The second most famous Canadian is Jim Carrey? Jim Carrey hasn't had a hit since the '90s and his most recent effort is Dumb and Dumber To.

The outrage continues: Justin Bieber is number three, which makes sense because he's Canadian Bad Boy Number One, right up there with Rob Ford. Number four is Celine Dion, who's certainly famous in Vegas, but number five is Pamela Anderson, who was famous for doing nothing long ago, before she was supplanted by Kim Kardashian.

As statistically sound as it appears to be, the process is obviously flawed. Garbage in, garbage out. What can you expect from research that would have us believe that the world's most famous actor is Molière? (Thousands of commuters call up Molière on their devices, only to discover a 17th century French playwright. Shakespeare would have something to say about that, in iambic pentameter, no less.)

You have to wonder what Avril Lavigne is thinking, as she lounges by the pool out there somewhere in pop-tart land with her arguably more famous husband Chad Kroeger, lead singer for Nickelback. "Like, Chad, I told you I was more famous than you are. In fact, I'm more famous than Pamela Anderson."

I really don't think MIT should be encouraging this sort of thing.

Chad, by the way, did not make the list even though he's the front man for Billboard's top rock group of the 2000s.

The rest of the top 25 list continues to undermine the credibility of the MIT findings. Either that, or I don't get out enough these days. Somebody named Chris Benoit is the 12th most famous Canadian in the world, more famous than Avatar director James Cameron (14) and Marshall McLuhan (17) the man who said "The medium is the message." Boy, was he right on. Just not as famous as Avril Lavigne or Chris Benoit, whoever he is.

It may be this list is telling the truth, and in the words of that famous American Jack Nicholson, we can't handle the truth. So, like most people who don't like what they hear, I propose to ignore all this … data, and go on thinking that Glenn Gould, the world's greatest pianist (19), is more famous, and deservedly so, than some guy named Chris Benoit.

ZOOM

Birds of a spider flock together

Spider's display is courtship dance

This male spider tries to attract a female by showing off its colours — just like a peacock. The maratus, also known as the peacock spider, flaunts its stunning blue, red and green flaps to catch the eye of a female. The spider, one of 43 species of maratus, was found by biologist Jurgen Otto near Esperance, Western Australia. **METRO**

JURGEN OTTO /SOLENT NEWS

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"The males do not discriminate between the females of different species and will display their bright bodies to females that belong to other species." Jurgen Otto

Arachnid gives bird's-eye view

This species of peacock spider, the maratus avibus, really does look like a feathered creature.

"The design on the spider's abdomen looks like two birds facing each other — which made experts choose the name 'avibus', meaning 'birds' in Latin," says Otto. **METRO**

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It's that time of year again: the dreaded tax season. With a few weeks to go to file, might as well check it off the to-do list now. You can shell out and get your accountant to take care of it, or stay home, brew a cup of coffee and get it done yourself. Here are a few CRA Netfile-certified online/mobile options to (hopefully) take some of the pain away.

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SimpleTax:
Relatively new to the tax-filing game, this unique pay-what-you-want model lets users decide how much — if anything — they want to pay.

SnapTax:
Yes, that 'snap' does refer to snapping a pic. Take a photo (iPhone or iPad only) of your T4, fill out a quick (they say) form on your iDevice and voilà. Though, it doesn't work for those with offspring or other dependants — you'll need to use their parent company, TurboTax, for that.

UFile:
UFile is free if you're a tax newbie, student or make less than $20K or have a very simple return (one single T4 and no other fancy account). Filling individual returns start at $16 and lets you add a spouse for $10.

For a full list of Netfile-certified software, programs and apps, go to netfile.gc.ca

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Governments and private companies have their sights on mining the moon. Do you think it's a good idea?

@chiefwrongwolf: why does this need science? mime?? besides this is the Owrst game of charades I have EVER played let me tell you

@Machzy: Agent Smith said it best - humans are a virus - we move to an area and multiply until every natural resource is consumed. Looks like the moon is next!

@tolitojohnson: at least on the moon we won't be destroying our own home and there will be a plentiful supply of resource. It's a win/win.

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SCENE 2

Filmmaker explores teen genre in Beyond Clueless

SXSW. Documentary examines teen movies from more than 200 not-quite classics

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Metro World News in Hollywood

First-time filmmaker Charlie Lyne came to SXSW to premiere Beyond Clueless, his exploration of teen movies. Less a traditional, talking heads doc than a lyrical, fluid examination of the genre, Lyne gives the scholarly and artistic treatment to a class of films usually excluded from such pursuits, with narration by Fairuza Balk and visuals from more than 200 teen not-quite classics.

How has it been, bringing your first film to SXSW?

What's nice is it feels like we're repeating the experience of doing the Kickstarter now because it's going out to a load of people who have no idea who any of us are but have some bearing on this subject matter. ... Everyone has that film that they grew up watching and obsessing over, and usually it's a film that is quite singular to them.

So is Clueless that movie for you?

Clueless is a film I completely love and certainly growing up it was one of my five or 10 that I would go back to again and again and again, but actually the ones I always found more fascinating were the ones that, for lack of a better word, aren't quite as good as Clueless.

The teen genre for me is most fascinating when it doesn't quite work, you know? ... But the teen movies that I find fascinating are the ones that aren't quite there, that have so much buried beneath the skin but don't quite know what they are. There's so much more going on that even the film itself isn't really aware of — which perfectly mirrors the experience of being a teenager.

So a film with an identity crisis?

Exactly. So many of them seem to have these palpable identity crises going on inside them. Something like Idle Hands. A film about a teenage boy who has an attractive girl move in next door and suddenly finds that he can't control his right hand — it doesn't seem like a stretch to say that's a metaphor for something. And yet you look back at the way people talked about it when it first came out and there's nothing about that. It's all just, "Devon Sawa is reasonably OK in this middling horror vehicle."

First-time filmmaker Charlie Lyne brings his exploration of teen movies to SXSW in Beyond Clueless. CONTRIBUTED

The teen market is also one that never really goes away in Hollywood.

Surely it's the one film genre that openly states who it's for in its very title. I love that about it, I think there's something really interesting about films that are explicitly marketed toward the most malleable, impressionable group. And why wouldn't they be the most fascinating to talk about when they have so much power over people?

I think everyone would be willing to admit that they were in at least some way shaped by the films that they saw at that age. That was what was brilliant and terrifying about doing this film, was watching all these films that I unthinkingly took on at 13 and going, "Oh God, what awful lessons was I learning? What was I accepting about myself on the basis of this film?" So it's been good therapy. I'm now a functional human being after going through my teen movie demons.

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The Word

Courtney Love finds missing airplane, according to Courtney Love

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Courtney Love is about as stable as Los Angeles was at 6:25 a.m. on Monday. If given the choice, I would not elect Courtney to the position of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 Finder-In-Chief — for that, I'd probably go with an international team of aviation experts.

However, the international team of aviation experts haven't turned up much, have they? Every day they widen the search area so much that I presume we'll soon be looking on the moon. Courtney Love, on the other hand, believes she knows exactly where it is, so maybe we ought to give her a shot.

"I'm no expert but up close this does look like a plane and an oil slick," she tweeted, with a link to a satellite photo showing an empty-looking stretch of ocean.

Love then tweeted that the location was "like a mile away Pulau Perak, where they 'last' tracked it." She also added some childish-looking scrawls over the photo pointing to where she thinks the plane and oil are.

I really don't know what I'll do with myself if it turns out she's right. Then again, Courtney Love Finding Missing People All Around the World Through the Power of MS Paint is definitely a TV show I'd watch.

Eerie posts appear on L'Wren's social media feeds

L'Wren Scott THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Designer L'Wren Scott's sudden death Monday was made even more shocking when her social media accounts continued posting several hours after she died.

Because of previously scheduled posts or a PR team that wasn't yet aware of her passing, several Facebook posts and tweets appeared after her death was announced, confusing and upsetting her followers.

Perhaps the eeriest image was a photo of several of Scott's designs hung from a tree and apparently lit from within, which appeared on the designer's Facebook just hours after her death was announced. A strange, ghostly image indeed, after the designer's apparent suicide.

Her Twitter account also remained active, leaving some fans unsure of whether her death was a hoax or not.

Scott was Mick Jagger's longtime girlfriend, and The Rolling Stones said Tuesday they have called off tour dates in Australia and New Zealand in the wake of her death.

The iconic band said in a statement they "are deeply sorry and disappointed to announce the postponement of the rest of their 14 ON FIRE tour." Band members thanked fans "for their support at this difficult time."

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There's liquid gold hidden in California wine country, part of an olive oil boom in recent years. You can tour an orchard, learn what extra-virgin olive oil really means and taste your way through lemon-, herb- and even chocolate-infused olive oils. Harvest is usually around the end of the year, but any time is good for a visit

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5 olive oil trail 'pit' stops

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Round Pond Estate

A family run winery whose owners branched out into olives some years ago, this Rutherford, Calif., estate produces four gourmet olive oils and has an onsite olive mill. If you're pressed for time you can do the Splash and Dash tasting, enjoying olive oils and the estate's red wine vinegars. Visit roundpond.com/olive-mill for more.

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McEvoy Ranch

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Keep doctor away while on vacay

All I saw was the inside of my room. Here are some health tips to make sure you don't miss a thing on your big trip

ON THE MOVE
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Bitter medicine: Nobody likes to get sick while on vacation, so plan ahead to stay healthy. ISTOCK

Getting sick on vacation is never supposed to be part of the itinerary, but it happens. With a little pre-planning there are ways to avoid some common ailments that are a traveller's worst enemy.

Jet lag

Forget the home remedies and focus on being hydrated during your flight. Drink lots of water and avoid alcohol and caffeine. Don't overeat, as the low pressure can make you and your organs swollen and bloated. Upon arrival reprogram your body to eat, exercise and sleep as the local time zone dictates. Get as much sunshine as you can; it lets your body know that the schedule has changed.

Norovirus

Cruise ship outbreaks of the Norwalk virus can ruin a holiday on the waves. The good news is that the frequency of an outbreak is distorted by the media attention it receives when it does happen. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the U.S., it's only an outbreak when three per cent or more of those on board report symptoms.

The best course of resistance is to be vigilant about your personal hygiene while on board. Wash your hands with soap and rub and rinse for at least 15 seconds. That is longer than you think, so make sure to count it out.

Malaria

Most travellers know to take anti-malarial medication in high-risk zones, but there's more to preventing the disease than just swallowing a pill. Always use insect repellent with DEET and dress appropriately; long sleeve shirts, pants and boots. Visit a travel medical clinic prior to your trip to learn where the latest malarial hot spots are. You may be surprised to hear that popular destinations like Mexico and Panama have malarial zones.

Tropical diseases

Typically, destinations with high levels of poverty have poor sanitation, which can lead to poor quality of food and water and lack of mitigating measures against insects and rodents. However, don't be fooled — luxurious surroundings and high-end resorts don't always protect you from getting infected.

Diseases like hepatitis A or viral influenza could strike you almost anywhere. Visit a travel medical clinic before any tropical vacation for the most up-to-date information. Avoid salads and salsas and stick to food rules 101: only eat what you can boil, cook or peel. Drink bottled water and decline ice cubes in your cocktails.

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Meliá Vienna Hotel soars

Vienna has a new addition to its skyline: The first of two Donau City Towers, the tallest in the city at 250 metres. Designed by Paris architect Dominique Perrault, it is home to the new, 253-room Meliá Vienna hotel that takes up the first 15 floors. The stunning 57 Restaurant & Lounge on the rooftop will be the hip place to be. Rooms from $150 to $5,300. Visit melia.com.
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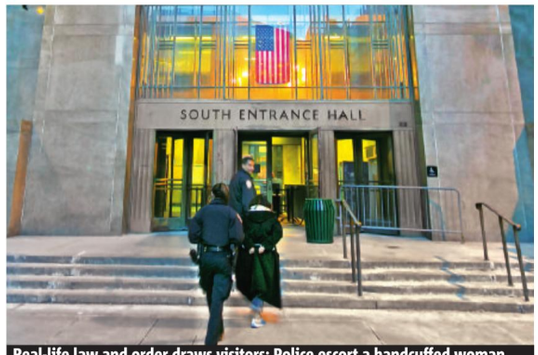
Warming the bench. Tourists make case for N.Y.C. night court as gritty attraction

Jenny Baumann's itinerary for her first trip to New York City: Rockefeller Center. The Empire State Building. Central Park. Night court.

In a city synonymous with theatres and nightlife, the 26-year-old from Munich was perched on a scarred wooden bench in a utilitarian room in lower Manhattan on a recent evening, straining to decode — sometimes even to hear — the methodical hubbub of arraignments in one of the U.S.'s busiest courts.

"It's very interesting to hear real cases," Baumann said as she and a friend watched a judge decide whether to set bail for people facing charges ranging from choking a girlfriend to stealing a six-pack of beer. Each case was handled in a matter of minutes amid a hive of clerks shuffling paperwork, police taking retinal scans, defendants and lawyers conferring in a confessional-sized glass booth and court officers occasionally bellowing, "Quiet, please!"



Real-life law and order draws visitors: Police escort a handcuffed woman into New York's Criminal Court Building. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's one of New York's more peculiar and paradoxical tourist traditions, a place visitors extol on travel websites while many residents hope never to wind up there. To travellers, it's gritty entertainment, hard-knocks education or at least a chance to experience real-life law and order on a New York scale.

Dozens of jurisdictions nationwide hold some court sessions at night, but Manhattan Criminal Court occupies a unique spot in the public's imagination, thanks to TV's Law & Order and Night Court, not to mention arraignments of real-life notables ranging from rapper Sean "Diddy" Combs to French politician Dominique Strauss-Kahn.

"This is something that feels really underground and unique," said Regis St. Louis, author of the current Lonely Planet New York book.

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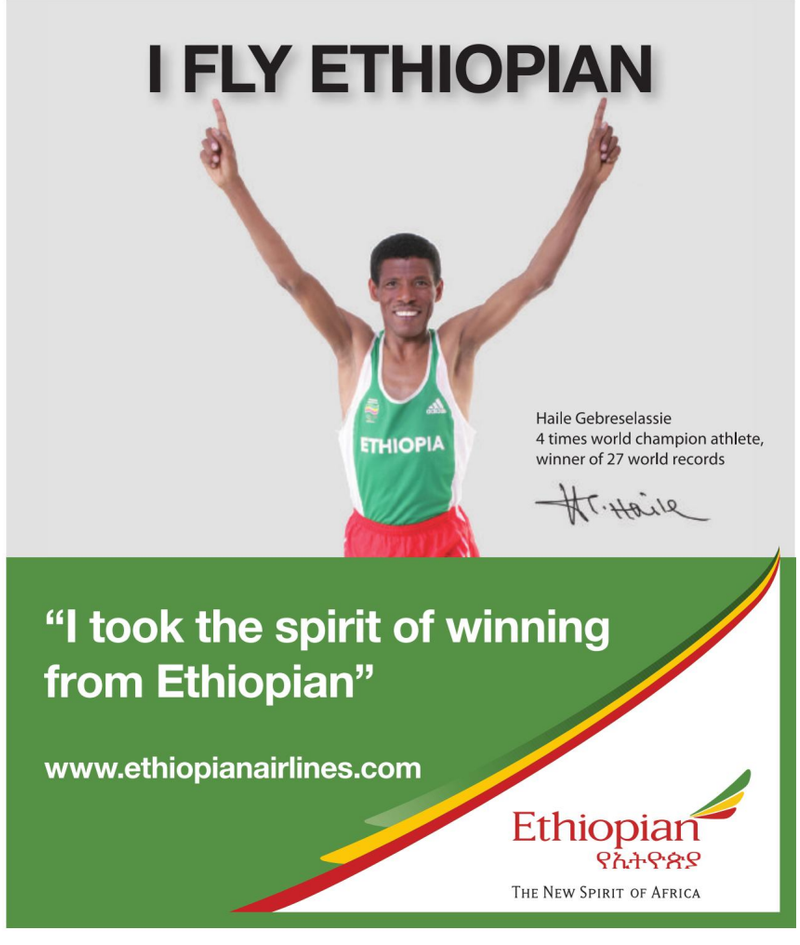

New Mexico

Visit site of 1st nuke blast

The Los Alamos Historical Society is sponsoring a tour of the site of the first man-made nuclear explosion. Tickets for a visit to the Trinity site in southern New Mexico scheduled for April 5 are $150 US. As part of the tour, visitors will see a restored house where nuclear core was assembled and visit the spot where the bomb was detonated. The bomb's creation was part of the Second World War effort. The U.S. later dropped similar bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rapids transit for all. Grand Canyon river is right up Google's Street View

Google has taken its all-seeing eyes on a trip that few experience: The Colorado River through the Grand Canyon.

The search giant partnered with the advocacy group American Rivers to showcase views of nearly 300 miles of whitewater rapids, towering red canyon walls, and rich geologic history.

The 360-degree views that went live Thursday in Google's Street View map option once were reserved largely for rafters who were lucky enough to board a private trip through the remote canyon, or those willing to pay big bucks to navigate its whitewater rapids.

Google project lead Karin Tuxen-Bettman hopes the images educate the public about the U.S. waterway that American Rivers listed as the most endangered in 2013 due to drought and overuse.

"We hope this inspires viewers to take an active interest in preserving it," she said.

Federal officials and environmentalists have been raising alarms recently about demand outstripping supply on the river serving some 40 million people in seven Western states.

The imagery Google captured from Lees Ferry south of Page to Pearce Ferry shows signs of drought in a bathtub ring around Lake Mead, and the impacts of damming the river. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rafters float down the Colorado River in Grand Canyon National Park. Google has launched a virtual tour to showcase the river journey. GOOGLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"It's just a valuable snapshot in time of what the river is like right now." Amy Kober of American Rivers

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Wherefore art thou hiding that canvas?

A Warhol in the wings. Van Gogh ahead and get some extra pairs of eyes on those masterpieces

LASSE EMIL KRISTIANSEN
Metro World News

You write, you paint, you compose — but who really cares besides you? With a few good tips from the book Show Your Work by Austin Kleon it might be easier to get noticed among all the other artists out there. We got some of the best advice from his boldly designed book.

Share something small every day

"The thing about sharing is that you want to make sure it's an act of generosity, and that what you're sharing is either interesting or useful to the people on the other end.

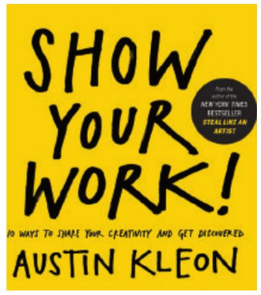
"When I say 'share something small every day' it can be something very small. Just one little piece of your process that you think might be interesting or helpful for someone else. Some of the writers I follow (online) share their favourite sentence that they read every day. Or an artist will just share a page from their sketchbook. Little bits and pieces you can share every day that kind of put yourself out there and keep people up to date with what you're doing. It's kind of like if a filmmaker will share the DVD extras — the deleted scenes and the directors commentaries — while they were still making the movie."

Tell good stories

"We kind of have this mistaken impression that our work speaks for itself, that if we just do good work that is enough.

But actually our work doesn't speak for itself. The stories that we tell about the work that we do totally influences the way that people accept our work or what they think about our work. As far as becoming better storytellers the best thing to do is just to surround your self with really good storytellers.

"Spend time seeking out people who are really good at telling stories and start studying them. There are really only so many different kinds of stories. Once you start studying stories and reading stories you find out they all have a structure and they all have shape. You can kind of steal the structure of the stories and fill them in with your own material. Another thing that can help is becoming a writer. Spend some time writing, blogging or keep a journal. When you're writing down your stories you figure out what's interesting about them."



Stick around a while

"I think that in this culture we're very much obsessed with overnight success. But when you start digging into people's stories there's a lot of work and a lot of practice that happens before people get discovered or get success. I think it's really important just to give yourself time."

Learn to take a punch

"When you put your work out into the world you have to be ready for the good, the bad and the ugly. I feel that sharing your work on the whole is a very pleasant and good experience, but you're always going to take a punch, so to speak. You really just have to get your work out there and experience what it's like to have it out. Just to have people see it and talk about it. The way to take a punch is to get hit a lot. Get used to being hit, you know. It's important to remember that your work isn't you. People feel really close to their work, but you have to remember that the products of your work aren't necessarily you personally. So when people tear down your work they're not necessarily tearing down you."

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You've got this job in the bag. A career in retail is an easy sell once you consider the opportunities in store

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Planning on landing your first job in retail?

There are a number of different qualities that make retail a promising field, whether you're taking your first career step or planning for a career transition.

Identifying some of the great qualities of working in retail can help you create a long-term plan for your career.

Here are three reasons retail is a great career field, as well as some tips to help you plan your next move.

There is variety and growth potential

Since some of the most visible jobs in retail involve working directly with the public in a retail store, it's easy to be tricked into thinking that "retail" is just a type or level of job.

Remember this: retail is an industry.

This means that all sorts of career opportunities are present for a candidate with the right background who is willing to invest some time learning from the ground up.

"Too often, students forget that many senior executives started from the ground level of their organizations and worked their way up," says Devon Blower, a recruitment specialist with Bell.

It's increasingly common for entry-level retail applicants to have long-term career plans with an organization — and to share those plans as part of an application or interview process.

"There are lots of candidates all trying to get into this organization and this industry," says Devon. "We have lots of opportunity."

Tip: What roles do you want to explore at your prospective employer in the long-term? Why? Answering these questions will help you plan your search more effectively.

You can pursue your interests — or discover new ones

Since retail is an industry, there are a lot of opportunity for to pursue a personal passion at work, or even discover a new one.That's what happened to Maya Bielinski, who went to work at her family's jewelry store with trepidation.

"My parents had always worked in the business, and I was pretty sure I wanted nothing to do with it," she says. "I didn't know anything about metalsmithing or jewelry design or gemstones — and at the time I didn't even want to learn!"

That changed pretty quickly, when she found an old book about precious stones one day while on break.

"I guess I needed to see it all from a different angle. I never considered the geography or geology or chemical "composition of gemstones," Maya says. "But this little book had me hooked. I was fascinated by all this new knowledge."

The more she learned, the more she found herself engaging at the store — even fashioning trinkets of her own and connecting with customers who expressed interest. Soon, she found herself with a new hobby.

"I was surrounded by all these incredible objects and by people who really valued the artistry and skill that went into creating them. Jewelry wasn't just shiny ornaments anymore — I started seeing it as sculpture, sometimes showcasing amazing geology."

While she's moved on to pursue a law degree, she credits her first employment experience in retail with helping her start building skills she's put to work since.

"If you can find a thread of interest in whatever work you're doing, pursue it. Curiosity and dedication will serve you well whatever job you're working."

Tip: Got a hobby, talent or interest? See if that self-taught background positions you for a corresponding type of retail role. Your employer will probably appreciate your product knowledge.

Just about every job listing sparks fierce competition, and retail is no exception.

You won't land your first job in retail unless you're ready to consistently challenge yourself to grow and expand your knowledge. Count on it.

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You don't learn by looking

Many people experience their first role in retail as a part-time or summer job and leave convinced that "working in retail" means never moving beyond that first role, never learning or growing (or earning more money).

- In reality, every career path presents opportunities to learn, grow and develop transferable skills.
- Store manager Mandy Utton knows. While her years of retail experience at Starbucks have taught her a lot about company routines and products, she focuses on one of the most important skills she puts to work every day.
- "The most important thing I've learned is how to lead," she says. "My job is managing a store, but it is leadership that inspires a team."
- Part of any learning experience is recognizing that you don't know what you don't know — so don't make assumptions about a job until you've had a chance to experience it first-hand (for months, not days).

Tip: Do your research. See if you can connect with people in your prospective retail position and learn more about the job and industry. This is networking — you'll be doing it for your whole career.

Sneak extra fibre into a Chinese food fave

Chicken Fried Rice. With the addition of chickpeas, this dish takes on a healthier profile that is sure to become a family fave

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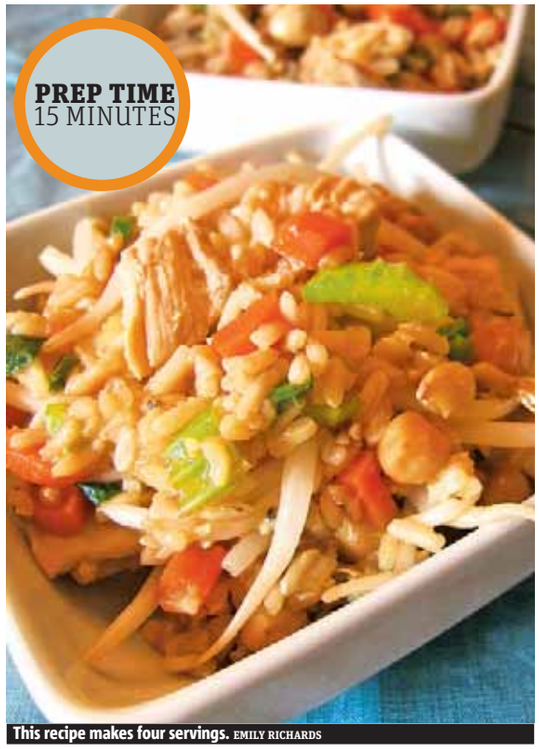

This recipe makes four servings. EMILY RICHARDS

One my grandmother's favourite things to eat is Chinese food. I'm not sure if it's the colourful sauces or the strong differences in flavours from her mother country's Italian food but she sure does enjoy it. So, at her 85 years of age, I like to make food for her that is hearty and healthy. Here is a version of chicken fried rice that fits the bill. Luckily, she approves of it — even with the slightly sneaky addition of chickpeas for additional fibre! The chickpeas also add protein to keep you full. Colourful and easy to make, it should quickly become your grandma's (and entire family's) favourite too.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) sodium reduced chicken broth
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) brown rice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) sesame oil
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts, chopped (about 12 oz/340 g)
- 1 cup (250 ml) sliced mushrooms
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) sliced celery
- 1 cup (250 ml) cooked chickpeas
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sodium reduced soy sauce
- 2 cups (500 ml) bean sprouts

1. In a saucepan, bring 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) chicken stock and brown rice to boil.

2. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for about 25 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Fluff with fork and set aside.

3. In a large nonstick skillet heat the sesame oil over medium high heat and cook boneless skinless chicken and sliced mushrooms for about 8 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink.

4. Add the chopped green onions, diced carrot, sliced celery, cooked chickpeas and cooked rice. Cook, stirring for 2 another minutes to combine all of the flavours.

5. Add the remaining chicken stock and soy sauce and cook for 5 minutes. Add bean sprouts and toss to combine.

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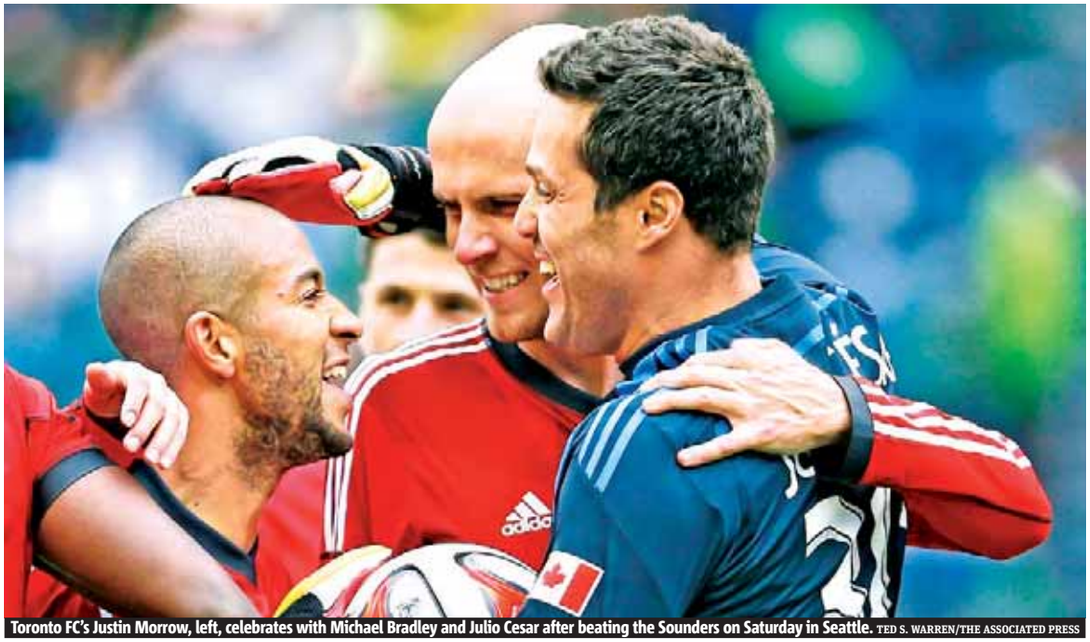


Toronto FC's Justin Morrow, left, celebrates with Michael Bradley and Julio Cesar after beating the Sounders on Saturday in Seattle. TED S. WARREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maestros of the backbone guide

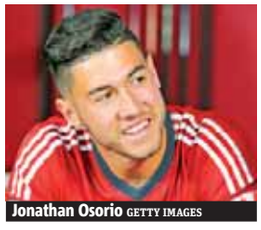
TFC. Bradley, Osorio credited with critical supporting effort in season-opening win

For a first impression, Michael Bradley and Jonathan Osorio produced a promising tandem in the midfield for Toronto FC last weekend, and earned some glowing reviews for their work in the club's 2-1 win over Seattle.

Bradley and Osorio were rightly credited with a "backbone"-type performance, a tremendous supporting effort behind a headline-grabbing display from Jermain Defoe (two goals in his first two touches with TFC).

Bradley, though, is quick to point out the entire team is a work in progress. One of the best central midfielders in the game, Bradley now finds himself lining up alongside Toronto native Osorio, who is just coming into his own as a second-year professional.

"He's a young guy, but a young guy with a lot of talent and the desire to learn and



Jonathan Osorio GETTY IMAGES

improve," Bradley said as TFC practised in some chilly weather Tuesday in preparation for their sold-out home opener this Saturday against D.C. United.

"It's been great jelling with him on and off the field. He wants to push himself, he wants to make things happen, and at a young age (21), it's a great thing to see and to work with."

Osorio's work Saturday was largely unsung, but there was agreement among critics and with coach Ryan Nelsen that the Toronto native showed solid soccer sense in balancing with Bradley in terms of backing up the superstar when he pressed the ball forwards, and strengthening the overall defensive effort.

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NBA

Raptors victims in Hawks' fifth straight win

Jeff Teague equalled his career best with 34 points, Paul Millsap had the first triple-double of his career and the Hawks extended their longest winning streak of the season to five in a row, beating the Toronto Raptors 118-113 in overtime on Tuesday night in Atlanta.

Millsap had 19 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists to lead the Hawks, who have bounced back after losing 14 of 15 to strengthen their hold on the final playoff spot in the East.

The Hawks overcame an early 13-point deficit in a game that went back and forth in the final quarter.

DeMar DeRozan led the Raptors with 29 points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Knicks introduce president Jackson

Phil Jackson has returned to the New York Knicks as their team president.

The Knicks announced Jackson's hiring Tuesday at a news conference in the lobby of Madison Square Garden, where a giant sign reading "Welcome Home Phil" was overhead and shirts with the No. 18 Jackson wore as a player lined the merchandise store.

Jackson signed a five-year contract that reportedly will pay him at least $12 million annually and said he will spend significant time in New York.

"This is the best place to play basketball," Jackson said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard stops a shot in front of teammate Jakub Kindl and the Maple Leafs' David Clarkson in Detroit on Tuesday night.
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Leafs seeing red as they fall short against Wings

Gustav Nyquist had two goals and Jimmy Howard made 31 saves to help the Detroit Red Wings hold on to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Jake Gardiner scored on a power play midway through the third period to pull Toronto within a goal.

The Maple Leafs appeared to tie the game less than two minutes later, but Nazem Kardri's goal was waved off because he made a kicking motion to knock the puck in with the inside of his right skate.

The Red Wings seemed to seal the win with 2:33 left when Daniel Alfredsson's wrist shot from the slot hit the back of the net.

Toronto, though, pulled its goaltender to add an extra skater seconds later and James van Riemsdyk scored with 1:13 left.

James Reimer stopped 28 shots for the Maple Leafs.
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On Tuesday

3	2
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Trafford's death leaves multitude of questions

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Saginaw Spirit players hold up sticks as pallbearers carry the casket of Terry Trafford after his funeral in Toronto on Tuesday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The tragic suicide of Saginaw Spirit hockey player Terry Trafford has left a trail of tears and trauma, almost too much to handle for the powerful major junior hockey community.

The funeral was Tuesday in Toronto, but the questions began the day it was first reported that the Ontario Hockey League player had gone missing.

Yes, it appears mistakes were made in relaying news to Trafford and his family that the 20-year-old had been dropped from the team and was not welcome back this season. That much we seem to know.

But what about the policies and procedures of major junior hockey teams in the wake of the senseless tragedy?

Dr. Natascha Wesch, a former star athlete with the Canadian women's rugby team and now a sports psychologist based in London, is closer than most to the epicentre of the bureaucratic earthquake that may lay ahead.

She is the help needed when the London Knights organization senses trouble with players off the ice.

"I don't think the OHL has a policy that somebody must be there," Wesch said in an interview with Metro. "Does each team call on someone? I would say that no, not each team has somebody. Now should each team? Absolutely."

The reasons, Wesch said, for looking deeper into the league issues following Trafford's death are more than they appear on the surface.

"I think not only from the psychological, emotional and just the right thing to do, but also from a liability perspective," she said. "If you think from just a business perspective, pure and simple business, if I have an employee that comes in drunk, I just can't let them go home. I have to provide for their safety and make sure I call a cab and do all those things."

Wesch said a professional outside the team's management, player agents and billets are needed to provide confidential help to the junior hockey players, on a moment's notice if needed.

"These athletes are physically ready to play. They're potentially, I will argue, emotionally ready to play, but once something breaks down, who is there to help them recover and put the pieces back together?

"Well, if your leg breaks, you've got a physician there. If your tooth breaks, you've got a dentist there. If your brain, if you will, your psyche breaks, well you're supposed to figure that out all on your own because you are a tough hockey player."

That, Wesch said, is what needs to change immediately. It's just unfortunate a player had to die before the discussion began.

"That's what needs to happen sometimes. Look at the Sidney Crosby situation. How many people had concussions before him, but all of a sudden it became important," she said.

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Smile big in the 2014 Mini Cooper

Review. The same . . . but totally different? This shouldn't really come as a surprise to anyone

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Some cars can make you smile, whether you're behind the wheel, riding as a passenger, or watching them drive down the street.

Since its 2002 model-year arrival, the Mini Cooper has enjoyed a growing number of admirers, due in no small part to the Mini brand adding more and more models.

The third-generation BMW-built Mini, which goes on sale this spring, should elicit the same appreciative grins even if to the casual observer it appears much the same as before.

Hard-core Mini fans will, however, note significant changes afoot everywhere, which is because virtually every aspect of the Mini Cooper is brand new.

The extra 4.5 centimetres in width is good news for passengers and should also make for flatter cornering. As well, an extra three centimeres between the front and rear wheels doesn't sound like much, but for rear-seat riders, who can now recline the split-folding back cushion for added comfort, every little bit helps. There's also slightly more stowage space with the rear seat in the upright position.

The rest of the cabin has undergone a major retooling. Most obvious, the centre-stack-mounted speedometer has been relocated to the steering column. It's flanked by a half-moon tachometer to the left and the fuel gauge lights on the right.

The clock-like centre-stack pod carries over and houses the infotainment, communications and navigation systems that are controlled by a rotary dial on the floor console. Near it are pushbuttons for the air conditioning, ventilation and seat warmers plus toggle switches for other functions such as traction and stability control that reduce the likelihood of skids and spins in adverse conditions.

Easily the most radical change is found under the hood as there are two new powerplants. Base models run with a turbocharged 1.5-litre three-cylinder that puts out 134 horsepower and 162 pound-feet of torque. That's up considerably from the previous non-turbo 1.6-litre four-cylinder's 121 horsepower and relatively puny 114 pound-feet of torque.

Moving up to the Cooper S puts you in control of a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder with 189 horsepower and 207 pound-feet of torque (the 2013 Cooper S generated 181 horses and 208 pound-feet of torque).

The new standard six-speed manual transmission has a more precise shift linkage, while a six-speed automatic is optional.

Both engines feature an overboost function to provide a bit more torque for a few seconds (good for added passing power) when the gas pedal is floored. Overboost also helps the base cars achieve a zero-to-100 km/h time of 7.9 seconds, versus 8.6 seconds for the previous base four-cylinder. The Cooper S can do it in 6.8 seconds (previously 7.0), as measured by Mini.

For 2014, the base price is $22,750, including destination charges, but there are several new options that could tempt you to spend more. They include an adjustable suspension with Comfort and Sport settings as well as a Head-Up-Display that projects speed and basic navigation info onto a dash-mounted pop-up monitor. The oddest accessory is the self-park feature to guide a skills-deficient Mini driver into an appropriate spot. Honestly, anyone unable to parallel-park a car this small should consider purchasing a bus pass.

However, the additions and improvements to the Mini Cooper give it more of a real-car persona, which makes it feel less like a novelty. That should also make it much easier to justify as a purchase and much easier to live with.

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2014 Mini Cooper

- **Type.** Two-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback
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- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $22,750

Fuel economy

The base Cooper's already-decent fuel economy should improve to about 6.9 l/100 km in the city and 5.4 on the highway with the six-speed stick (up from 7.4/5.7).

Design

The length of the two-door hatchback (Mini insists on calling it a hardtop) has increased by 11.5 centimetres, all ahead of the doors. That's also where the most obvious changes occur, including the trapezoidal grille and blacked-out bumper. The windshield is also a little steeper, which gives the Mini a sleeker appearance.

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Hey, that sinkhole eight my classic Corvettes!

The 1962 Corvette was the first one out of the sinkhole, and sustained less damage than one might have expected for such a mishap. Eight museum Corvettes took the plunge. Three are still down there. GENERAL MOTORS

Every cloud ... The positive side of this story is that museum attendance is up and three of the cars have been salvaged so far

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The sinkhole at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, which swallowed eight historic Corvettes last month, was certainly bad news for Corvette fans and the museum.

But museum attendance and interest is up since the sinkhole, so not all bad I guess…

People are obviously fascinated with the spectacle and drama of a sinkhole. Throw in some super-special Corvettes, and suddenly you have a major-league attraction on your hands.

One report I read also noted that museum patrons are even fascinated with all the "crane action" going on. The cranes are part of the efforts to extricate the fallen 'Vettes.

Big cranes. Cool sports cars. Big sinkhole. Now that's a museum even a 10-year-old ADD boy could love. I wonder if they're taking notes over at the Royal Ontario, Glenbow, and National Gallery; maybe even contemplating how one or two of their more esoteric exhibits might benefit from a similar sinkhole makeover.

The 1962 Corvette was the first to get rescued, lifted out of the sinkhole nose first. Engineers then successfully extracted the 2009 Corvette ZR-1 "Blue Devil" and a 1993 40th anniversary model Corvette. All three were in surprisingly good shape, considering.

The remaining cars had more stuff fall on top of them and are more heavily damaged. As of this writing, three 'Vettes are still in the sinkhole: a one-off ZR1 Spyder; the 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06, and the 1.5 millionth Corvette.

Construction crews need to continue to stabilize the walls of the sinkhole before attempting to vacuum out the dirt from around those remaining cars. But they are sure to be rescued at some point, and then they will likely join the other "survivors" in a special display, before they all get made new again. The sinkhole is in the Skydome, a separate structure from the main museum. While the Skydome is off-limits for now, the main museum remains open.

There are two adjoining walls between the buildings. One wall features a video monitor, which shows live webcam footage of the work going on in the Skydome. The other features a plexi-glass viewing area.

Sinkholes are not uncommon in Kentucky, one of several U.S. states especially prone to them, by virtue of the Karst topography, a landscape largely formed by the dissolving action of water on soft bedrock (usually limestone).

Corvettes have been made exclusively in Kentucky, at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, since 1981. I guess it was only a matter of time then, before those two great Kentucky forces collided.

The Sinkholed Eight

- 1962 black Corvette
- 1984 PPG Pace Car
- 1992 white 1 millionth Corvette
- 1993 ZR1 Spyder
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Mexico the victors in Free Trade Agreement

Driving Force. Low wages and lower parts costs is the reason automakers are flocking to, and building steadily in, the Latin-American nation

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Twenty years ago, Canada, the United States and Mexico entered into the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which eliminated almost all tariffs and trade restrictions between the three countries, including vehicle production. But two decades later, it looks like Mexico ended up getting the most out of the arrangement.

"While Canadian vehicle production has increased marginally from where it was 20 years ago, it tails the tripling that we've seen occurring in Mexico," says Carlos Gomes, senior economist and auto industry specialist for Scotiabank.

"We have historically accounted for about 16 per cent of overall North American vehicle production, but in recent years, our share of investment has declined to about 5 per cent."

While the domestic automakers—Chrysler, Ford and General Motors—originally made up the bulk of production in Mexico, Japanese and European automakers now account for the majority of Mexico's output.

Companies such as Volkswagen, Nissan, Honda, and Mazda already build or are about to start production in Mexico, while Audi is constructing a new plant that is expected to turn out its first vehicle in 2016, and BMW is in negotiations for a new facility.

Part of the reason is wages: Mexico's labour costs are approximately 20 per cent lower than in the rest of North America. However, another important factor is that Mexico has free trade agreements with some 40 countries, which allows automakers to build their cars there and then ship them duty-free to global markets. This includes models sold in Canada and the U.S., which not only eliminates potential tariffs, but cuts down on transportation costs, since the vehicles don't have to be shipped from overseas.

"The Mexican plants go into areas that ours don't," Gomes says. "That's a big difference. The Canadian plants export almost exclusively to the U.S., whereas in Mexico, they export to the U.S. but more than 20 per cent of their shipments are outside of the NAFTA region. It's these (markets) in particular that are growing at a faster pace."

The domestic automakers originally built factories in Mexico to make parts at lower cost that were then shipped north to car plants for final assembly. In 1998, Mexico passed Canada as the top parts supplier to the U.S. assembly lines.

Today, each vehicle built in the United States now contains approximately $4,000 in Mexican-built parts, but only about $1,500 in parts from Canadian facilities.

Facts

- **Manufacturing.** Auto production makes up 15 per cent of Mexico's overall manufacturing, but it is only 10 per cent of Canada's total, and is 9 per cent in the United States.
- **Imported parts.** Some 23 per cent of all auto parts imported by the U.S. came from Mexico when NAFTA began, but now it's 34 per cent.
- **Big money.** Carmakers invested $2.9 billion into Mexico's automotive industry in 2013, almost double what the country received on average each year over the last decade.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you make a wish over the next two or three days, it may come true. With the Sun moving into your birth sign tomorrow, marking the start of a new solar year, you are likely to get whatever you ask for.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Whatever information you may have that others do not you should treat it like gold dust today. The less others know about what you are up to, the more you will benefit.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you play your cards right over the next few days, there is every chance that some of your big dreams will start to come true. The dividing line between fantasy and reality is quite narrow.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Important people are watching you closely, so make sure they like what they see. The Sun's move into the career area of your chart tomorrow will energize you and make you more ambitious.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Make sure facts are on your side if you want to make an issue out of something. Remember, it's not enough to tell others that they are doing it wrong. They also need to be shown how to do it right.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If your sixth sense tells you that something isn't quite right, listen to it and refrain from doing anything that might lead you down the wrong path — especially financially.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
As the Sun is about to move into the relationship area of your chart you should make more of an effort to get along with the people around you, even those you don't like.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to start thinking about cutting back on work. The past few weeks have been a time of great activity and your momentum will keep you going for a while yet, but your body needs a break.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
No matter how difficult the past few weeks have been, your affairs will improve dramatically as of tomorrow. Cheer up and stop acting as if the world is about to end.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The Sun's change of signs tomorrow means you can come to grips with a family issue that has been causing you plenty of grief. Let loved ones know what you think and how you feel and invite them to be honest with you as well.

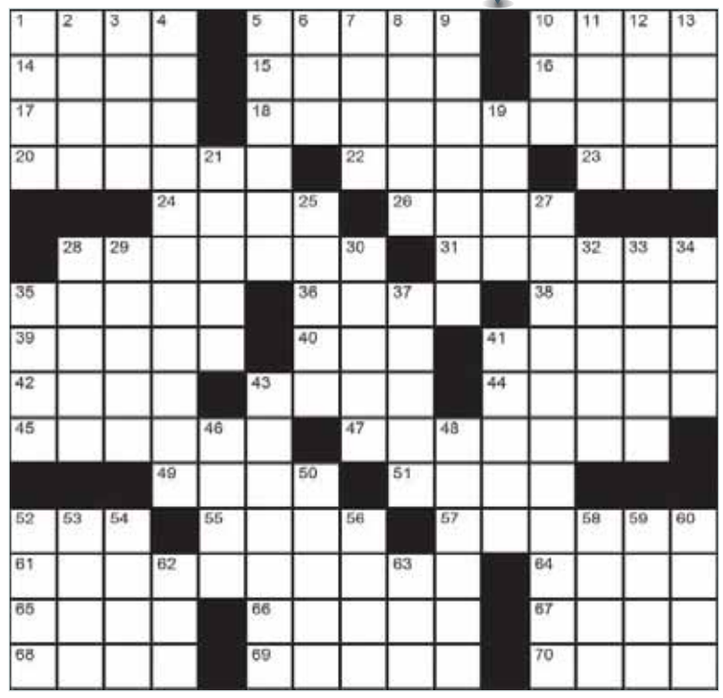
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The more you are on the move over the next few days, the more likely it is you will find answers to the questions you have been asking. You may not be thrilled by some of the things you learn but the truth is about facts, not feelings.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Good news concerning your finances is coming your way in the next few days. You won't get something for nothing but you'll at least have more cash in your pocket. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

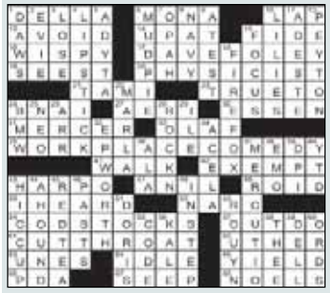
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Ointment
5. House's behind-the-walls sights
10. __ Lake, Alberta
14. Parkay, for one
15. Totally ticked
16. Cleaving tool
17. Sham
18. "This Hour Has 22 Minutes" cast member: 2 wds.
20. Turn to for trusty support: 2 wds.
22. Website's main page
23. Stylish sash
24. Glass-making stuff
26. Fly elegantly
28. Venezuela's capital
31. Takes the pen's 'lid' off
35. Full range
36. "__ Lap" (1983)
38. Vegan's no-no
39. __ and beyond
40. Geological period
41. Book part
42. Wine, in Italy
43. What 'i' has on top, _ __
44. Sound-making cow
45. Immerse
47. Terri Clark hit: "Poor, Poor __ Me"
49. Chesterfield
51. Jan & Dean's "__ City"
52. Perform
55. Ms. Del Rey
57. Peanut butter brand
61. 1990 Kiefer Sutherland movie in which Julia Roberts also starred
64. Concern
65. Glowing light
66. Countrified
67. All square
68. Stack of paper
69. Gradient
70. George W. Bush, et al.

Down
1. 1922 Nobel Prize in Physics winner, Niels __
2. Cosmetic cream's content
3. Actress, Sharon __
4. "King of Spain": Hit tune for what Canadian band?: 2 wds.
5. Checked blanket dining experience
6. Mr. Levin
7. Way
8. Set of values
9. British actress Jane
10. Corp. bigwig concerned with money
11. "Deal __ __ Deal"
12. Singer/songwriter Lisa
13. Mr. Arnaz
19. Former PM Mr. Chretien
21. Pontificate
25. Recorded
27. Red coat wearing police person: acr. + word
28. Log abode
29. Surrounded by
30. Salt-n-Pepa song
32. Friends to 'and sometimes Y'
33. __ truck
34. 'Trick' suffix
35. Handed
37. 'Nay' sides in debates
41. Insincere smile
43. Matters
46. __ around (Lounge)
48. Bitty brawl
50. Overturn
52. From way out there
53. Crossword __
54. Charlottetown-born singer Ms. MacLean
56. Prefix with 'dynamic'
58. Finish a road
59. Get set
60. Cravings
62. Glasgow topper
63. Knock

Yesterday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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	1	6						
			1					7
2		5	8					
1			2		3			6
					7	1		8
5					4			
						3	8	
	3	7		1		9		4

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	4	2	1	3	7	6	9	8
9	8	6	5	2	4	1	7	3
7	1	3	8	6	9	2	4	5
2	7	5	4	1	8	9	3	6
6	3	1	9	7	2	5	8	4
4	9	8	6	5	3	7	2	1
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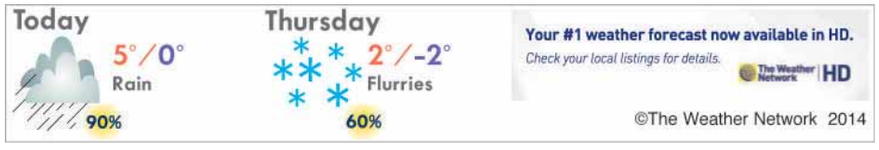

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